



Essex Field Club Programme 2008

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People wishing to book onto events with the **Herpetofauna Group** need to contact Ray Cranfield so that they can be advised when the event will be taking place; field trips are dependent on timing – tides and toad migration etc.

INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE JOINING THE FIELD MEETINGS OF THE ESSEX FIELD CLUB

1. If you wish to join an Essex Field Club Field Meeting please confirm that you want to attend by telephoning the leader a few days beforehand and checking all details. You should also tell the leader if you later decide not to attend (so the group are not kept waiting for you needlessly), or if you have to leave a meeting early (so they know you are not lost or injured).
2. The Essex Field Club considers the health and safety of participants in their events to be a high priority. You are asked to remember that you have some duty of care for your own safety and that of others during a meeting. At the start of each meeting the leader will brief you about any particular hazards of the site known to them; please make sure you listen.
3. Do not attempt a walk unless you are fit and able to do so. Walks often cover several miles and you must expect at least the kind of hazards you would encounter on any public footpath. If in doubt, ask the meeting leader when booking.
4. EFC Field Meetings, unless otherwise stated, are led by members working in an amateur and volunteer capacity on behalf of fellow members and others in the group. You should provide basic medical and first aid supplies for your own use. Meeting leaders are not expected to administer first aid, or to provide first aid equipment.
5. On all meetings which include a picnic, we recommend that you bring your own wipes or water with you to clean your hands before eating. A plastic bag for sitting on can be helpful, and later used to carry waste home.
6. If you have a particular condition that may give rise to a medical emergency during a meeting eg allergy to insect stings, blackouts, pacemaker etc, be sure to contact the meeting leader at least 2 days beforehand to enquire if there might be a problem for you during the meeting (See note 1). You should not assume that mobile phone contact to emergency services will be available as meetings often take place out of range of a mobile phone. (A fuller version is on our website www.essexfieldclub.org.uk)

Date and time	Venue	Leader
January Saturday 19 th , 10.30	Bird Group. Shoebury East Beach (am) and Southend Pier (pm). Waders & Mediterranean Gull. Meet East Beach car park TQ942,848.	Leader: Dave Williams. Please book: 01245 225119.
February Saturday 16 th , 10.00	Bird Group. Rainham Marshes RSPB Reserve. Meet in car park at TQ548,790. Please bring RSPB membership card.	Leader: Judith Boniface. Please book: 01245 266316.
February Saturday 23 rd , 10.00-4.00	Essex Gem & Mineral Show. Essex Rock & Mineral Soc. North Romford Community Centre, Clockhouse Lane, Collier Row. Admission £1.	Bus 365 from Romford Station. Stuart Adams 0208 5049422.
February Saturday 23 rd , 10.30-5.30	ESSEX MOTH GROUP INDOOR MEETING. Venture 2000 Centre, Wignall Street, Lawford, nr. Manningtree. Essex. TM093,310.	Guest speakers, slide shows, specimen displays.
March Saturday 1 st , 10.00-1.00	Geology Group (with Essex Rock & Mineral Soc.), Elsenham Quarry. Meet in car park TL547,255 by the works at the end of a 1km long private road which starts from Hall Road at sign for Elsenham landfill site and golf course. EFC have not visited before, Anglian till, Kesgrave Sands, Chillesford Sands, Red Crag sands (without fossil shells) etc. Hard hats, high visibility jackets & boots essential.	Leader: Gerald Lucy. 07747 489135 for enquiries. Book with David Turner. 01245 267450.
March Saturday 8 th , 2.30 – 5.00	ESSEX FIELD CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Hall of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Melbourne Avenue (north side), Chelmsford. TL689,083. Annual address: bees, wasps and ants of Essex by Peter Harvey.	Please bring any unusual specimens for display.
March Sunday 9 th , 6.30 am!	Geology Group (early start due to tides) with Essex Rock & Mineral Soc. Herne Bay, London Clay. Meet at Beltinge.	Leader: Graham Ward, contact for more details 01277 218473
March Saturday 15 th , 10.00	Bird Group. Abberton Reservoir, for wetland birds and early migrants. Meet in car park at TL963,185.	Leader: Tony Boniface. Please book: 01245 266316.
April Saturday 12 th , 11.00	Botany Group. Survey of Aveley and Wennington marshes. Meet RSPB Visitor Centre off A1306. TQ547,787. Packed lunch.	Leader: Peter West. Please book: 01708 630385
April Sunday 13 th , 11.00	Geology Group (with Essex Rock & Mineral Soc.), The Naze, Walton. Red Crag and London Clay fossils. Meet in car park near café and cliff-top tower TM264,234.	Leader: Gerald Lucy. Book with David Turner. 01245 267450.
April Saturday 19 th , 10.00	Bird Group. Watt Tyler Country Park for wetland birds and spring migrants. Meet in car park at TQ737,862.	Leader: Judith Boniface. Please book: 01245 266316.

April Sunday 20 th , 11.00	Botany Group. Hatfield Forest, Mosses, Liverworts and Lichens. Meet main entrance car park TL547,202.	Leaders: Ken Adams & John Skinner. Please book: 020 8508 7863
May Wednesday 7 th , 7.00pm	Bird Group. Danbury Common & Hitchcock's Meadows for nightingales and orchids. Meet in The Armoury car park TL779,046.	Leader: David Williams. Please book: 01245 225119.
May Thursday 8 th , 11.00	Botany Group. Hales Wood, Ashdon. Meet at centre ride entrance TL570,404. Bring lunch.(N.B. private wood, survey report to Paul Howe-Browne).	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863.
May Friday 23 rd 11.00	Botany Group. Chafford Hundred EWT chalk pits survey, Grays. Meet in layby, north side Devonshire Road at TQ601,788 (in front of cliff) Bring lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863.
May Saturday 31 st , 10.00	Bird Group. Two Tree Island, for summer migrants and Avocet. Meet in first car park on the island TQ825,854.	Leader: Tony Boniface. Please book: 01245 266316.
June Saturday 21 st , 10.30	Botany Group. Survey of South Weald Park, Meet in southern car park at TQ573,979. Bring lunch and tea.	Leader: Mary Smith. Please book: 01708 228921
July Saturday 5 th , 10.30	General Meeting. Laindon. Survey of St Nicholas churchyard and hill slope for flora and fauna (for the church). Meet at TQ688,895, parking nearby. Access from B148 (St Nicholas Lane) and north up Church Hill.	Leader: Mary Smith. Please book: 01708 228921.
July Wednesday 9 th , 11.00	Botany Group. Hawkweed hunt, Danbury and Galleywood Commons. Meet Horne Row car park Danbury TL778,046. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863.
July Wednesday 23 rd , 11.00	Botany Group. Epping Forest, pond survey, meet Goldings Hill Upper Pond car park, TL429,980. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863.
August Saturday 9 th , 11.00	Botany Group. Coastal survey, Barling Hall to Mucking Hall. Meet Barling Church TQ931,897. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863.
August Sunday 10 th , 10.00	Geology Group (with Essex Rock & Mineral Soc.) Maylandsea London Clay fossils, particularly crinoid stems), and Steeple (permission permitting, London Clay fossils, crinoid stems, molluscs & sharks teeth). Meet at seawall, TL907,037 1km north of Maylandsea.	Leaders: Graham Ward & Bill George. Please book: 01277 218473 (GW)
August Saturday 16 th , 11.00	Botany Group. Jaywick-Clacton. Vegetation mapping of the new sand triangles using space satellite images. Meet at the grass car park TM150,130. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863.
September Saturday 6 th , 11.00	Botany Group. Survey of Aveley and Wennington marshes. Meet RSPB Visitor Centre off A1306. TQ547,787. Packed lunch.	Leader: Peter West. Please book: 01708 630385
September Thursday 25 th , 11.00	Fungus Group. Hales Wood, Ashdon. Meet at centre ride entrance TL570,404. Bring lunch.(N.B. private wood survey, report to Paul Howe-Browne)	Leader: Ken Adams & Shirley Watson. Please book: 020 8508 7863.
October Thursday 9 th , 11.00	Fungus Group. Chalkney Wood, Earles Colne.ECC, FC Meet in car park SW side at TL872,273. Bring lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863.
October Wednesday 15 th , 10.30	Fungus Group. Chafford Gorges EWT Reserve, Grays. Meet in car park, Visitors Centre TQ599,794. Bring lunch.	Leader: Mary Smith Please book: 01708 228921.
October Sunday 19 th , 10.30	Fungus Group. Blakes Wood, Danbury NT/EWT. Entrance TL775,064. Bring lunch.	Leader: Barbara Chapman. Please book: 01268 765597.
October Wednesday 22 nd , 11.00	Fungus Group. Curry Farm, Bradwell (private NR), meet TL996,056 marked as Curry, down un-metalled track opposite Bradwell Gravel pit. Past 1 st big house to far house to park. Bring lunch.	Leader: Graham Smith. Please book: 01277 354034.
November Saturday 1 st , 10.30	Fungus Group. "Waxcap Hunt" start at Fryerning church, entrance TL638,002, then to other sites around Chelmsford. Bring lunch.	Leader: Tony Boniface. Please book: 01245 266316
November Monday 3 rd , 10.30	Fungus Group. Garnetts Wood, Barston, ECC. Entrance TL635,184. Bring lunch.	Leader: Mary Smith Please book: 01708 228921.
November Saturday 8 th , 3.00	Fungus Group Annual Meeting. Meet at the home of Tony & Judith Boniface. 40 Pentland Avenue, Chelmsford. CM1 4AZ. TL704089. Review of the year and plans for 2008 with refreshments.	Leaders: Tony & Judith Boniface. Please book: 01245 266316.
November Saturday 15 th , 10.00	Bird Group. Maylandsea, for waders wildfowl and seals. Meet opposite Marina entrance TL904,024.	Leader: Dave Williams. Please book: 01245 225119.
November Saturday 22 nd , 2.30	9th Annual Exhibition and Social. Hall of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Melbourne Avenue (north side) Chelmsford. TL 689,083.	Exhibitors must book space with Mary Smith by November 10 th . 01708 228921.
December Saturday 6 th , 2.30	Botany Group. Annual Get-together. With late lunch buffet. Essex Flora progress. Web site developments. Specimens, slides, digitals. Venue to be arranged.	Please book (for food numbers) with Ken Adams by 1 st December 020 8508 7863.
December Saturday 13 th , 10.00	Bird Group. Bluehouse Farm, North Fambridge, for winter wildfowl. Meet in the car park TQ856,971.	Leader: Tony Boniface. Please book: 01245 266316.